

Minutes of the
Dodge County Highway Committee Meeting
September 29, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Dodge County Highway Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 a.m. on September 29, 2015, in the Dodge County Highway building.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present -- Harold Johnson, Chester Caine, Randy Grebel, Jeff Berres, and William Muche. Commissioner Brian Field, Assistant Commissioner Peter Thompson, County Administrator Jim Mielke, and County Board Chairman Russell Kottke were also present. Patrol Superintendents Joe Lechner and Nate Minnig, Operations Superintendent Steve Pett, Shop Superintendent John Haase, Deputy Scott Petrack of the Dodge County Sheriff's Department, Dodge County Human Resources Director Sarah Eske, and Joe Marsik of the Human Resources Committee, Leonard Laufenberg, Jeff Schmitt, and Joe Roche representing Drainage District #1, Royce Nehls and Eugene Voight were present for part of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Caine and seconded by Muche to approve the agenda as presented and allow the Chairman to go out of order as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion carried.

REVIEW MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2015: Minutes of September 3, 2015, were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

STAFF REPORTS AND DEPARTMENT CONCERNS: Thompson gave an update on the CTH S (STH 67 – CTH WS) public information meeting in Iron Ridge.

Field reported that the Dodge County Highway Department was chosen by the Public Service Commission to be the Dodge County Refueling Readiness site.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Grebel gave a report on the recent Airport Management Seminar in Stevens Point.

APPROVE PER DIEMS AND EXPENSES: Motion by Muche and seconded by Grebel to approve the following per diems and expenses: Johnson for attending the September 2nd Finance Committee Meeting in Juneau and Caine and Grebel for attending the September 23rd and 24th Airport Seminar in Stevens Point.

PROJECT UPDATES: CTH C (CTH A – Jersey Road) is scheduled for completion on or before October 31, 2015.

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The Administration Building parking lot paving is complete.

Plans and bidding documents are being prepared for the salt brine making facility in Juneau.

The HSIP project on CTH A at USH 151 has started.

COUNTY AID BRIDGE MEMORIAL REPORT: Thompson gave an update on the county aid bridge memorials for 2015. A report was signed by the Committee and forwarded to the County Board for its October meeting.

ATV-UTV ACCESS ON COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY POLICY CONSIDERATIONS: Dodge County Deputy Scott Petrack reported that the Sheriff's Department has safety concerns with the proposed ATV-UTV traffic on county highways. It was the consensus of the Committee to involve the Sheriff's Department in the policy making process.

FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION ON EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION: Department staff reported on numerous resignations and roster vacancies. The escalating concern with the present policies and the need for qualified/experienced personnel for the approaching snow and ice control operations were discussed. Many options were presented. The Human Resources Committee will review these concerns at their October 6th meeting. This will be reviewed further at the next Highway Committee meeting as well.

DISCUSS BRIDGE INSPECTIONS FOR LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES: No action was taken.

DISCUSS RAILROAD SIDING PROPERTY IN SOUTH BEAVER DAM: Grebel presented information relating to a property for sale located at W9605 Iron Road in Beaver Dam. This property is adjacent to the Wisconsin Southern Railroad and could be considered for a salt depot. No action was taken at this time.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ONE-TON CREW CAB QUOTES: The following quotations for a 2016 one-ton flatbed pickup truck were considered:

Bob Fish Buick GMC, Inc.	GMC Sierra	\$37,408.00
Ewald Motors of Oconomowoc, LLC	Dodge Ram 3500	\$31,332.00
Ewald Chevrolet Buick, LLC	Chev. Silverado 3500	\$32,132.00
Ewald's Hartford Ford, LLC	Ford F350	\$32,003.00
Badger Truck Center, Inc.	Ford F350	\$35,786.00

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Motion by Grebel and seconded by Caine to purchase the Dodge Ram 3500 from Ewald Motors of Oconomowoc, LLC for \$31,332.00. Motion carried.

REVIEW COST ESTIMATE FOR DRAINAGE NEAR AIRPORT: Royce Nehls and Eugene Voight discussed drainage concerns on their ag land within Drainage District #1. Leonard Laufenberg, Jeff Schmitt, and Joe Roche of the Drainage Board presented some drainage options and cost estimates to address these concerns. Department staff will review these options and report to the Committee at a future meeting.

REVIEW CREDIT CARD PAYMENT REPORT AND VOUCHER PAYMENT REGISTERS: The credit card payment report for September and vouchers payment registers were reviewed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The following items will be added to an upcoming meeting agenda: ATV-UTV use on County Trunk Highway Policy, employee retention and recruitment concerns, 2016 budget request review, and Reeseville satellite shop concerns.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: The next Committee meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on October 16, 2015, in the Juneau office.

FIELD REVIEW: There was no field review.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.


Harold J. Johnson – Chairman


Randy Grebel – Secretary

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